

RE: UPDATE @1100CST POE Coutts

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Lynne further to your question on extending hours of operations to other ports..... We were going to monitor the volumes and determine if this steps needs to be taken at some point.... So not a never, just not now. At this point we are not seeing significant traffic backing up at Coutts or BWT's at other locations. Also we are hearing some intel that the protesters will move to whatever port we are recommending alternative traffic flow to. Already hearing some info that they are moving trucks to alternate locations below.

If it is felt that this will ease the matter at hand somehow we will definitely proceed.

Brad

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Update 1533CST

Things are escalating on the highway.

CBSA Intelligence provided the following:

- A large Coach bus full of protestors just arrived at Coutts blockade
- Lethbridge tow trucks have refused to assist
- Rumours of another 800 protestors coming with heavy equipment bc they want Trudeau there
- Social media is saying protestors are breaking off 25 trucks to each of the other border crossings - *'Can't go individually bc the cops will stop them but if they go en masse they won't be able to'.* *'Trying to get some Lethbridge trucks to Del Bonita and Carway and lock them up. Get more from Medicine Hat to lock up Wildhorse'.*
- One driver is threatening to turn around and doesn't care if he hits anyone bc he needs out of the line.
- RCMP have calmed him down enough to wait but that is the growing attitude especially with perishable load haulers.
- Truckers and protestors are threatening each other on the CB.

There are no protestors on CBSA site.

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UPDATE 1445CST

RCMP

- RCMP will be sending down a large contingent of reinforcements tomorrow
- Hearing (unofficially) that they are intending to start taking more enforcement action tomorrow
- It is acknowledged that this could increase the potential for aggressive behaviour
- RCMP Medic Team now present – CBSA identified an area within the POE that can be used as a medical area to treat minor injuries if there is a need for this tomorrow.
- RCMP are monitoring truck activity in CBSA lot –a protest pick up truck came down into CBSA checked in with RCMP and proceeded to deliver refer fuel to a parked truck. Refueling truck then departed.
- RCMP are in the process of handing out contact information of the event organizers to all truckers so that they can contact the organizer directly for their needs.
- RCMP have inquired on whether we can extend the hours of operation at some of the surrounding ports of entry and allow commercial traffic to clear at the surrounding areas. CBSA reconfirmed that we are not extending hours or allowing commercial vehicles to cross at non-designated commercial ports of entry at this time.

CBSA

- Management is working to order food (pizzas, drinks, granola bars) for commercial drivers (and CBSA employees) for dinner time; also purchasing groceries (essentials, juice/fruit/muffins)
- Staff have reported for work with no issue
- District Director spoke to AB CIU President to update on situation – all good

Planning underway for today/tomorrow if blockade not disbanded:

Resources

- Informing day workers to not come to work – work from home if possible
- Officers will continue to report for their shifts using the identified alternate route

Commercial Motor Vehicles (CMV) on CBSA Parking Lot

The following are options for turning around CMVs to transit through the US to Roosevelt, BC or Regway SK

Option 1:

- CMVs may be able to transit from Coutts POE parking lot to the southbound lanes via the turn around lane. This lane is just to the north of the POE's secondary garage. We are not certain if there is enough clearance for a CMV to make this turn but it is a possibility.

Option 2

- CMV may be able to turn around from CBSA operational area to the southbound lanes via an opening between the southbound and northbound lanes that are currently sealed using government fleet vehicles.
- This may be possible by travelling north in the northbound lane and then making a sharp left turn through the opening and essentially doing a u-turn.
- If the u-turn is too tight, we would look to remove jersey barriers (concrete k-walls), with the help of PSPC, and CMVs could then exist the parking area at the north end, turn left and get onto the southbound lanes.

Option 3

- CMV leaves Coutts POE parking lot, turns around (there is plenty of room to turn around), heads south and goes the opposite direction back through our primary lane, clears USCBP (ad hoc processing would have to be arranged), continue southbound in northbound lanes until cut out allows CMV to move over into the appropriate southbound lane.
- This option would require a collaborative approach in relation to the southbound movement on northbound US roadways, but only for a short distance.

CBSA is speaking with parked truckers to let them know if they are difficulty that they can let CBSA know – we would plan to liaison with community resources & RCMP. We are also canvassing the truckers to determine interest to transit back through the US to enter Canada as part of contingency planning.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Lisa

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One additional point - there are 25 RCMP units present/in vicinity.

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Hello,
UPDATE at 1100CST.

A couple of issues that have been identified in terms of the truckers in the CBSA parking lot:

- need for medication for a diabetic potential becoming an issue and they have no food and are getting antsy
- Also a load of meat that will spoil if/when the reefer runs out of fuel.

CBSA/RCMP Briefing:

- Significant number of CMVs in the SB lane want to leave (a few dozen) – this is both protesters and legit loads;
- RCMP planning to negotiate with the organizers how to get them turned around and out, which will be challenging given there are CMVs that are parked throughout the SB line. Organizers are accommodating on these type of situations, however the hard liners at the front of the NB blockade are not moving on anything.
- One trucker approached RCMP and said “I gotta get out of here...this is not freedom”. Anger among the legit loads is growing. Likely will get worse if they can’t get them out of the line, but they are basically trapped.
- Several of the protesters have said they kind of just planned this as a weekend thing
- RCMP may start at the back of the SB line and try backing some of the CMV out first
- Protesters removed the porta potties last night, which may assist in dissuading participation
- CMVs – fuel for the truckers will become an issue
- RCMP to engage the Ministry to close the Hwy
- An estimated 40 units in the SB lane want to leave but cannot.

Fred – including you for information/awareness
Please let me if you have any questions

Lisa